

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

**Parents with Disabilities and Their Teens (11-17 yrs) Sought for National Survey.** Through the Looking Glass, founded in Berkeley, California in 1982, is nearing the end of their three-year nationwide research project—Parents with Disabilities and Their Teens—to learn more about the experiences of families in which a parent with a disability is raising a teen. Parents with disabilities and teens are still needed to participate in their national survey. Teens get \$5 to complete the survey! See the project Web page for additional ways to participate in this national research, which is funded by the National Institute on Disability Research and Rehabilitation (NIDRR), U.S. Department of Education. <http://www.lookingglass.org/parentteen.php>

### **Resources & Opportunities for Youth**

**Expressing Freedom: Call for Art Entries.** Expressing Freedom is a juried exhibition that is open to young artists, ages 16-25 that live in the US who have a physical, cognitive, or mental disability. Art entries should illustrate some aspect of "Expressing Freedom" as it relates to the artist. Artwork may also illustrate the artist's feelings toward his or her disability or toward learning to live with their disability and represent concepts such as self-image, healing, rehabilitation, mobility, strength, movement, hope, wellness, or independence. Launched by VSA Arts and Volkswagen of America, Inc. *Entries must be postmarked by June 15, 2002.* Visit <http://www.vsarts.org/gallery/callsforart/vw/> for more information.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Register Now For Leadership Institute-July 20-26,** at the National Conference Center (formerly the Xerox Conference Center) in Leesburg, VA. The Institute will feature level-200 course series for both repeaters and first-time enrollees. **Contact:** Linda Reed or Yolanda Tully at the National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership (NPCL) at 202-822-6725 or email: [lreed@npcl.org](mailto:lreed@npcl.org). **Registration deadline: April 19.**

### **Program Spotlight**

#### **San Diego YO! Program Promotes Job Corps Co-Enrollment**

The San Diego Youth Opportunity (YO!) Program has developed a detailed recruitment, enrollment, and follow-up plan for referring youth to the San Diego Job Corps Center. Their strategy addresses five areas: (1) Co-enrolling Job Corps students into YO! programs; (2) Capturing recruitments from the Job Corps orientations that live in our target area; (3) Referring YO! participants to Job Corps; (4) Integrating services; and (5) Capturing and entering data. The program has produced an *Occupational Skills Resource Guide for Case Managers, Job Developers and Youth Advocates* that contains a more detailed description of the procedures. For more information, please contact: Liz Faddis, Out-of-School Youth Coordinator, San Diego Youth @ Work, San Diego Workforce Partnership, 619.266.4211; e-mail: [liz@workforce.org](mailto:liz@workforce.org).

## **WIA Youth Updates**

**USDOL announces the WIA "Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)" for 2002 in the April 8<sup>th</sup> FEDERAL REGISTER.** The Secretary of Labor annually determines the LLSIL to be used in determining the low-income guidelines for qualifying for services under WIA. To download the notice visit <http://wdsc.doleta.gov/llsil/llsil02.asp>.

**USDOL Posts Discussion Guide on WIA Reauthorization Issues.** To download the guide visit <http://www.usworkforce.org/reauthorization/guide.asp>.

**TEGL 17-01: Incorporating and Utilizing Grassroots, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Including Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs), in Workforce Investment Activities and Programs.** This TEGL informs the workforce investment system about the Department of Labor's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI) and requests that states take actions to broaden the number of grassroots community-based and faith-based organizations which partner with local workforce boards and One-Stop Career Centers. To download the TEGL visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl17-01.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl17-01.pdf).

## **WIA Reauthorization Forum Schedule for April.**

- **April 22. Worcester, MA.** Contact: Kerin Burke & Heather Graham (617-565-2253), or Holly O'Brien (617-565-2243)
- **April 23. Concord, NH.** Contact: Kerin Burke & Heather Graham (617-565-3630), or Holly O'Brien (617-565-2243)
- **April 25. New York, NY.** Contact: Cynthis Smillie or Lori Stanislaus (212-337-2139)
- **April 30. Kansas City, MO.** Contact: Fred Homan at (312) 353-0313
- **April 30. Dallas, TX.** Contact: Ann Cole (214 767-2154, ext. 229), Felecia Blair (ext. 233) or Rebecca Sarmiento (ext. 232)

## **Publications/Reports/Resources**

**U.S. DOL publishes technical assistance guide entitled, "Applying for Grants: A Guide to the Competitive Grant Process."** Download the guide on <http://wdsc.doleta.gov/sga/pdf/ApplyingGrants.pdf>.

**"The National Economic Recession And Its Impacts on Employment Among the Nation's Young Adults (16-24 Years Old): The Untold Story of Rising Joblessness."** Prepared by The Center on Education and the Economy, this report is heavily based on the Center for Labor Market Studies' data and discusses the LA Youth Opportunity Grant program. Download the report on <http://www.nyec.org/YouthPapermarch2002.pdf>.

**GAO REPORT 02-413 – Workforce Investment Act - Youth Provisions Promote New Service Strategies but Additional Guidance Would Enhance Program Development, April 8 2002.** This report assesses how youth workforce investment activities are being carried out. Specifically, the reports addresses (1) the implementation status of WIA's youth provisions including establishing youth councils and a network of service providers; (2) how have youth councils established linkages with the education community, and (3) the factors that affected the implementation of a new youth development systems and their implications for service delivery. To download this report visit <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d02413.pdf>.

**New Report Finds Linking Community Service to Curriculum Builds Better Students, Better Citizens.** Prepared by the National Commission on Service Learning download the report entitled

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"Learning In Deed The Power of Service-Learning for American Schools" on <http://www.service-learningpartnership.org/report.asp>.

**Youth Offender Demonstration Project Technical Assistance Report On-Line.** There is consensus among youth development experts that youth who come under court supervision have multiple issues that must be addressed in comprehensive and coordinated ways if they are to attain employment at wages that will sustain a constructive life path. To download this online report visit <http://wdr.doleta.gov/opr/fulltext/document.asp?docn=6165>

### **Funding Opportunities**

**USDOL Announces Availability of Funds to National Organizations to Support Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship Initiative.** This initiative targets incumbent and prospective professional youth workers working directly with young people. The funding available for these grants to register apprenticeship programs and apprentices is \$900,000 and includes two categories of national organizations for application and award. There are two categories of national organizations: (1) National organizations and (2) National organizations awarded a national organization grant award in response to the Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship (YDPA) Implementation Grant SGA published in Vol. 66, No. 65/ Wednesday, April 4, 2001.

**Deadline: May 15.** To download the notice visit <http://wdsc.doleta.gov/sga/sga/02-110sga.htm>.

### **Websites**

**Information Technology Curricula Available Online.** A range of tools and materials on Information Technology (IT) from the Job Corps Career Development Resources Center (JCCDRC) can be viewed on <http://www.jccdrc.org>. Click on "**Information Technology**" in the left hand column, to see resources that Job Corps instructors use in developing and teaching their Basic IT programs. **IT Work\$**, unveiled last July, includes a Desk Reference, Training Products, and Implementation Approaches. For more information on the Job Corps IT curriculum, please email Cathy Keiter at [ckeiter@doleta.gov](mailto:ckeiter@doleta.gov)

### **Important Dates to Remember**

**April 26-28.** National Youth Service Day (NYSD). For more information visit <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>.

**April 28–30.** RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE, the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. For more information contact: Kris Latimer 541-928-0241, ext. 219 or visit <http://www.tocowa.org/2002.html>.

**May 1-3.** Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting – Tampa, FL. Contact: Hugh Davies, (202) 693-3497 or [hdavies@doleta.gov](mailto:hdavies@doleta.gov).

**May 8.** National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Visit <http://www.teenpregnancy.org/about/announcements/events/theday.asp> for updates.

**May 13-15.** 2002 National Summit on Performance Measurement and Case Management: Strategies for Welfare-to-Work. New Orleans, LA. Visit: <http://www.performanceweb.org/pdf/s109.pdf>

**May 13-17.** Financial Management Training – Chicago. Visit <http://usworkforce.org/events/FinancialTrainingChicago2.pdf>.

**June 26-28.** US Department of Health and Human Services hosts the National YOUTH Summit-By Youth, With Youth, & For Youth, at the Washington DC Hilton. Go to [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html) for information and online registration.

**July 9–11.** Workforce Innovations 2002 Conference, Nashville, Tennessee. Contact: Gardner Carrick 202-693-3689.

**July 27-31.** The National Urban League hosts its 2002 Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California and its Youth Summit from July 25 –29. For registration information for the National Urban League 2002 Annual Conference, call 212-558-5385.

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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